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Why this increase? What is the cause for this remarkable growth of the banking business, this enlarged handling of the volume of exchange? The answer is simple enough. More mercantile business makes more need for banks and bank business. Richmond has been spreading out and increasing her business in all lines and everywhere; larger sanking facilities were demanded and live Richmond bankers met the demand. This is the plain, simple story, in as tiew words as it can be expressed.

But this increased business, which accessitated the remarkable increase in he banking facilities: Where is it and what is it? It is here in Richmond and its composed of pretty much everything the hundred and ten or fifteen thousand in more men women and children in this six who have to cat and sleep and its own of the business to say eithing of the many thousand in the attacks who have to shop here, make his one of the biggest retail centers in he South, and the unparalleled transportion facilities and its accessibility at it seasons and in all weathers combine or make Richmond the best wholesale out reachable from the South; in fact, sommercially speaking; the gate of he city of the whole South; in fact, sommercially speaking; the gate of he city of the whole South; in fact, sommercially speaking; the gate of he city of the whole South; north agreement of Maryland, North agreement and all along down the coast of the jumping off point at the tip end of Forida.

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In the course of time the wholesale business in Elchmond has enlarged and grown and branched out until every line is now represented here and represented ully and adequately. The merchant from the towns and from the country can come to Richmond with the most elaborate memorandum book his varied retail trade and demands can suggest and right here he can fill up every line and supply every want,

ne can fill up every line and supply every want, Richmond is especially strong in the process and provision lines! in boots and thoes in hats, in dry goods and notions, in clothing, in drugs, in saddlery and arness and buggies, carriages, wagons and vehicles generally, also in farm implements and farmers' supplies. In buildings' materials, iron products and stone works it cannot be beaten and in crockery, fancy goods and general supplies to plays second, fiddle to no market in the land. On the third page of this saue will be found some very interesting information for the visitor within the mates. That page forms a perfect directory that is worth preserving for guidance.

ichmond wholesale mer-i nad cheap communication in mers everywhere, from the Richmond is strictly business, as has been outlined above; it believes in busi-ness, and it carries business methods into



March has 31 days. The 20th will be the first day of Springthe Almanac Spring-Rheumatism Spring. Often our worst weather comes this

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Potomao to the Guif, and put him on advantageous ground as against his trade competitors in the cities to the North, as well as to the South of us. And then, too, he has the James River and the Atlantic Ocean at his command for cheap transportation for his goods, coming in as well as going out, thus enjoying water rates going and coming. In addition, the Rappahannock and the York, the Chowan, and the Black Water, the Staunton and the Roanoke, and other streams are in easy touch and always available for cheap transportation to and from points on their banks and on the big streams and bodies of water into which they empty.

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The time will come, and that at no distant day, when the whole South will know no other wholesale center beyond Richmond. To this end Richmond people and Richmond merchants have been working for these many years, and will centinue to work until their bright hope—a hope that is encouraged by natural advantages, and is being still further encouraged by the energy and push of all the people of Richmond, shall end in happy fruition.

For many years past, the wholesale trade of Richmond has been increasing by the gradual process. In the last four or five years it has passed the gradual siage, and has been going up by jumps. The merchants and their army of drummers have determined that it shall go this year and for the next several years at a still greater gait. To this end they are putting forth much effort, and knowing the sterling character of the men engaged in the wholesale business in this goodly town, The Times-Dispatch can but believe that abundant success will attend their efforts.

Other Than Business.

its municipal affairs. As its business grows, its government grows, and a few figures from official books of last year will but emphasize the business that has been dwelt upon. Richmond's real estate values increased last year \$1,87,230 over the preceding year, and her personal property \$8,217,240. The official figures, inken from the books of the tax man, show also that last year business licenses onjoyed an increase of close to fifty thousand dollars, and that taxes assessed at the old rate of taxation ran up to the tune of sixty thousand dollars. The city's income taxes and it censes is now close to 4 million and a half dollars.

School Property.

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The school property of the city is valued at about \$500,000, which consists of eighteen school buildings and furniture, owned by the city, and a lot at corner of Thirty-third and Marshall Streets, which has been recently purchased by the city and upon which it is hoped a new building will be erected during the coming year. This is an urgent demand for the accommodation of pupils who are now in rented rooms in the castern part of the city, and which are very poorly suited to the purpose for which they are used.

The expenditure for the schools for the year 1903 was about \$176,000, of which amount \$166,750 was for pay roll and general expenses, and \$10,250 for a lot and other permanent improvements.

As intimated in the beginning of this story Richmond does not undervalue her historic interest, and she is proud of her ancient buildings and monuments that have historic interest. Her people are very glad of the opportunity to point these out to the visitor and also to tell him of the interesting educational and social advantages of the city by the James. The colleges and seminaries located here are also a constant source of pride to all the people and they never tire of sounding their praises, while the many churches of the many denominations speak at all times of the moral character of this people, and are, therefore, a source of pride and comfort to every one.

As a Place of Residence.

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LORENTZ'S WONDERFUL PRE-



Miss Rose Barnetty, as follows:

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REV. MR. SCOTT CALLED.

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Barton Heights Church.

At a congregational meeting held Sunday after the morning service, Rev. C.
P. Scott was called to the pulpit of the
Barton Heights Baptist Church, to succeed the Rev. W. T. Hundley, who has
recently gone to North Carolina.

Mr. Scott will, in all likelhood, sccept
the call, and enter upon his work at
once. He is a native of Orange county,
Vn., and has been in the ministry twentyseven years. His last charge was in
Buckingham county. Recently he has
been doing supply work and residing in
fairton Heights. He is a preacher of
unusual ability and is well known in the
denomination.

RAILROAD Y. M. C. A.

Building May be Erected on Site

Church Notes.

The Rev. Howard Lee Jones, of New York, a brother of the Rev. M. Ashby Jones, of this city, will begin a series of meetings at Leigh Street Paptist. Church on the night of March 13st.

The Rev. Dr. F. B. Converse, one of the editors of the Christian Observer, of Louisville, Ky., is at the Jefferson. He is accompanied by his wife.

The Rev. W. A. Cooper, paster of St. James's Methodist Church, is still confined to his from.

The Rev. F. A. Cave and the Rev. B. H. Meiton, both of whom have been indisposed are out again, and a special offering for foreign missions will be taken next Sunday in all the Disciples' Churches of the city.

The Rev. Dr. W. C. Taylor, of Potersburg, read a paper on "Archaeology" yesterdays morning before the Baptist Ministers' Conference.

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MARITANA WINS RACE FOR MAIDENS

Myron McHenry, the Trotting Horse Driver, Gets Out of the Maiden Class.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Feb. 23.—Myron McHenry, trotting horse driver, got out of the maiden class on the running turf to-day, when his mare, Maritana, won the first race for maiden three-year-olds Wreath of Ivy and New York were the Wreath of Ivy and New York were the only defeated favorites. Summary:
First race—five and a half furiongs—
Maritana (8 to 5) first, St, Caro (18 to 1) second, Sparrow Cop (7 to 1) third. Time, 1:08 1-5.
Second race—six furiongs—Cyprionne (5 to 1) first, Wreath of Ivy (3 to 5) second, Short Cake (12 to 1) third. Time, 1:14.
Third race—one-half mile—Viperine (6 to 10) first, Modred Law (11 to 2) second, Lady Greenwood (4 to 1) third. Time, 148.

APPROVE BUDGET

the new budget will be about \$1,900,000. The figures for last year were \$1,754,896.90.

U. S. INSPECTION.

Army Officers to Inspect the Richmond Soldiers.

The soldier companies in this city are to be inspected by United States army officers during the present month.

The following order was issued on the subject yesterday by Colonel George Wayne Anderson, of the Seventieth regiment:

wayne Annerson, of the Seventieth regiment:
 Headquarters Seventieth Regiment,
 Infantry, Virginia Volunteers,
 Richmond, Va., Feb. 20, 1004.

Order No. 16.
 I. Commandants of Companies A. B.
C. F and H will cause their respective
companies to assemble at their armory
Wednesday, March 16, 1004, at 8 P. M.
sharp, for the government inspection, by
United States army officers.

II. Field, staff, non-commissioned staff
and field music (located in this city) are
directed to report at the same time and
place.

place.

III. Companies A and B are directed to assemble for buttallon drill on the nights of March 3 and 23, 1904, at 8:30 o'clock.

IV. Companies C. F and H are directed to assemble for battalion drill on the nights of March 7 and 21, 1904, at 8:30 o'clock.

By order of Colonel George Wayne Anderson.

C. G. BOSSIEUX.

LIGHTSHIP MOVED.

Water-Logged Schooner With

Third race—one-half mile—Viperino (9 to 19) first, Modred Law (II to 2) second, Lady Greenwood (4 to 1) third. Time, 148.

Fourth race—mile, handlcap—Lev Dorsey (3 to 19) first, New York (7 to 10) second, Trogon (26 to 1) third. Time, 1139 1-5, Picth race—mile and seventy yards—t Pronta (6 to 5) first, The Messonger (9 to 2) second, Icicle (8 to 5) third. Time, 1141 1-2.

Fixth race—six and a half furlong—Maister (7 to 10) first, Syria (6 to 1) second, Arachue (8 to 1) third. Time, 1220 1-8.

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